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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Slaughter steers and heifers declined rather sharply under the influence of liberal early marketings and lower dressed beef prices. Steers sold unevenly steady to $1.50 lower, largely 50¢-$1.00 off with the greatest downturn on Choice and Prime offerings. The general trend on heifers was also 50¢-$1.00 lower, although some Standard and Good heifers were steady. Slaughter cows were largely steady to 50¢ lower. Feeder cattle and calves sold steady to $1.00 lower. Barrows and gilts were steady to 50¢ lower in the eastern Corn Belt, but sold steady to 25¢ higher in the western part of the area. Sows were steady to 25¢ higher at Omaha and St. Joseph, but steady to 50¢ lower elsewhere. Spring and old-crop slaughter lambs were steady to $1.00 lower at most points but 50¢-$2.00 lower at Fort Worth which received about 42 percent of the 12-market sheep and lamb total.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Fairly liberal supplies Monday following recent price declines influenced further downturns on slaughter steers and heifers. Marketings were later curtailed but the downswing continued as wholesale dressed beef prices sagged to a low for the year. Choice and Prime steers suffered the brunt of the decline to draw the price spread on all slaughter steers to the narrowest range since the first of the year. High-Choice and Prime slaughter steers sold 75¢-$1.50 lower for the week, average-Good to average-Choice 50¢-$1.00 lower while low-Good and below sold steady to 50¢ lower. Trading, however, closed active at the week's decline. Heifers grading Choice and Prime were 50¢-$1.25 lower, others steady to 50¢ lower. Cows irregular, mostly steady to 50¢ lower with prices at some southern terminals off $1.00 while sales at Chicago and St. Paul were steady to 50¢ higher. Bulls were generally steady to 50¢ higher. Vealers steady to $1.00 higher at leading markets for this class.

Slaughter steers: Several loads of Prime steers sold up to $29.50 early in Chicago but nothing passed $28.00 on the mid-week market, lowest of the year. Choice and Prime bulked at $24.50-27.50 late in Chicago; Choice largely $24.00-25.50 at other midwest markets where Good steers sold mainly from $21.50-23.75.

Slaughter heifers: Bulk Choice heifers $23.50-25.00, scattered loads and lots high-Choice and Prime reaching $26.00. Good heifers largely $20.50-23.50.

Slaughter cows: Utility and Commercial cows sold from $14.00-17.50, mostly $16.50 down, with Canner and Cutter mainly $12.00-15.50.

FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Seasonally small to moderate receipts of feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets fell somewhat short of the previous week but were little different in volume than the same week a year ago. Overall quality was fairly typical for this time of year. Many shipments were of Good and mixed Good and Choice grades and there was a sizeable showing of Medium and low-Good but relatively few high-Choice and Fancy offerings were included. Further downturns in slaughter cattle prices tended to put a damper on demand but limited numbers proved a price supporting factor in the feeder trade. At Omaha and Sioux City prices on Monday were steady to strong but on later rounds mild weakness developed. Elsewhere, prices were steady to 50¢ lower and at St. Joseph some sales were as much as $1.00 lower. At Oklahoma City prices were steady with the full decline recorded there the previous week. At Fort Worth the trend was steady to $1.00 lower. Lessened competition from packer buyers on fleshy two-way kinds resulted in moderate numbers of partly fattened steers being purchased for further feeding. However, feedlot operators generally were very cautious in securing feedlot replacements in the face of the current market for slaughter cattle.

Feeder steers: Bulk Good and Choice 800-1050# $21.50-24.00, several loads 1000# at $24.00 already showed sufficient finish to grade Good and Choice in the beef. At Sioux City a few loads Choice 900-975# $24.25-24.75 and limited number Choice 700-800# $25.00-26.50. Good and Choice 550-750# ranged $22.00-28.50, most sales $27.00 down. Some 600-625# at $24.00-24.50 were mixed Good and Choice. Medium and mixed Medium and Good 550-750# $18.00-23.00.

Feeder heifers: Good and Choice 525-700# chiefly $21.50-25.00; few loads Choice 600-650# $25.50-26.00.

Feeder calves: Choice 350-550# steers $27.00-32.00, not many above $30.00. Good and mixed Good and Choice $24.00-28.50. Good and Choice 350-500# heifers largely $22.00-27.00, couple loads Choice and Fancy 400-450# $29.00.

HOGS - Terminal markets - St. Paul and Sioux City received slight increases in hog receipts for the week, but the general pattern was for a mild curtailment. Hence, twelve-market receipts numbered 330,000 or 4,000 under a week ago, but 22,000 more than same week last year. Prices for barrows and gilts again were irregular, prices at eastern Corn Belt markets were steady to 50¢ lower, in general, while sales at western Corn Belt centers were steady to 25¢ higher. Sows sold steady to 25¢ higher at Omaha and St. Joseph, while trends at other markets were steady to 25¢ lower, St. Louis and Sioux Falls being 25-50¢ lower. Sows made up between 6 and 13 percent at most terminals, while at St. Paul, sows accounted for 18 percent of receipts.

Barrows and gilts: At the close, U. S. 1-2, 190-240# sold generally at $16.00-16.75, although some dipped to $15.85 at St. Joseph and $15.75 at Sioux City. Extreme for the week was $17.25 at Chicago, while the highest in the western Corn Belt was $16.50. Closing sales No. 1-3, 190-250# were at $15.25-15.75.

Sows: Late sales No. 1-3, 270-400# sows ranged from $13.00-14.50, while No. 2-3, 400-600# were taken largely at $12.00-13.50.

Feeder pigs were steady at St. Paul and Sioux City. Most Choice 120-160# sold at $15.00-15.50 at St. Paul, while 140-160# moved at $14.50-15.00 at Sioux City.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 80¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago, May 17 to May 23, 1962 inclusive.

Hogs - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area receipts totaled 317,000 compared with 298,000 the preceding week and 316,000 a year ago. U. S. 1-3 200-250# barrows and gilts made up the bulk of receipts. About 9 percent of the supply consisted of sows. Prices moved downward early in the period but strengthened later to leave closing prices for butchers under 240# mostly steady for the week. Heavier butchers were steady to 15¢ lower and sows steady to 25¢ lower.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday, No. 1-3 200-230# sold from $15.00-15.65, most No. 1-2 $15.25-15.90.

Sows: Most No. 1-3 270-400# $12.50-13.75; No. 2-3 400-550# $11.00-13.15.

Hogs - Interior Illinois - Receipts at 94,300 compared with 93,400 the previous week and 89,900 a year earlier. Demand was fairly good. Barrows and gilts worked generally lower, 190-240# offerings closed mostly 25-50¢ lower for the week, weights over 240# closed 25-75¢ off. Sows were 25-50¢ lower.

Barrows and gilts: On Friday, U. S. 1-3 190-220# barrows and gilts mostly $15.50-16.00, limited volume 200-220# $16.00-16.15; No. 1-3 220-240# mostly $15.00-15.50.

Sows: No. 1-3 350-400# $12.50-13.00, No. 2-3 400-500# $11.50-12.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 markets totaled 100,000 head, compared with 113,000 the previous week and 107,000 during the corresponding week last year. Supplies at northern Corn Belt markets were mainly shorn old-crop slaughter lambs, while spring lambs predominated at southern and western points. Old-crop and spring slaughter lambs sold unevenly steady to $1.00 lower; slaughter ewes steady to $1.00 lower. At Fort Worth, where about 42 percent of the week's run was offered, shorn old-crop slaughter lambs were 50¢-$1.50 lower, spring lambs $1.00-2.00 lower. Feeder lambs comprised about 60 percent of the supplies at Fort Worth and sold steady to $1.00 lower, some under 60# $2.00 lower. Elsewhere feeders were scarce, mostly steady.

Old-crop slaughter lambs: Shorn - Choice, with few Prime, 87-112# No. 1-3 pelts closed at $18.00-18.75, Good to mostly Choice No. 3 to fall shorn pelts $16.50-18.50, however, late bulk Good and Choice at Fort Worth $14.00-15.50. Wooled - Limited Good and Choice 90-131# $17.00-18.70.

Spring slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 80-111# $20.50-23.00 late, early $22.00-23.50. Good and Choice 75-105# $18.50-21.50, some 65-105# $17.00-20.00 at Kansas City and Fort Worth.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good shorn $3.00-5.50.

Feeder lambs: At Denver, Fancy 71# spring lambs $18.50-19.00, 2 loads 79# Arizonas $19.10. Choice and Fancy 40-75# southwesterns $12.00-15.50, some $16.00-16.50 at Sioux City and $17.00-17.50 at Omaha. Good to Choice old-crop lambs 50-75# $9.50-14.50.

Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota sheep and lamb receipts totaled 10,400 head, compared with 11,300 the previous week. Bulk of supply was slaughter lambs with around 75-80 percent shorn old-crops and some 20 percent spring lambs. Slaughter lambs sold steady to 50¢ higher, slaughter ewes steady.

Old-crop slaughter lambs: Shorn - Choice 80-110# No. 1-2 pelts delivered to packing plants at the close $17.50-18.50, Choice No. 2-3 pelts $17.00-18.00, few Good and Choice wooled $17.50-18.50.

Spring slaughter lambs: Choice and Prime 80-105# $20.50-21.50, few Prime $22.00.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Good shorn $2.50-4.50.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.c.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers and heifers rather slow, steady to weak. Delivery dates current through June and a couple of strings of heifers into August and September. Feeder cattle and calves rather slow, steady. Spring lambs rather slow due to limited available offerings and about steady.

Slaughter steers: California, 40 Choice, end of Prime 1050# $28.00. California and Arizona, 4,100 Good to mostly Choice 875-1175# $26.25-27.50; 1,275 Good and Choice 925-1050# $25.75-26.25; 1,100 mostly Good, 950-1150# $24.50-25.75; 675 Standard and low-Good 825-1150# $22.00-24.25. Utah, 65 mostly Choice 950-1040# $25.50.

Slaughter heifers: California and Arizona, 1,050 Good to mostly Choice 750-1000# $25.50-26.50; 270 Good and Choice 775-850# $25.00-25.50; 75 expected mostly Choice 900# $23.50 for September. Utah, 40 Choice 1100# $25.50 high-yielding; 600 Good to mostly Choice, 825-900# $24.50-25.50.

Feeder cattle and calves: Steers, 465

Choice and Fancy 395-540# $26.00-28.00; 1,300 mostly Choice 500-725# $24.00-25.00 current to August 1; 630 Good and Choice 600-650# $23.50-24.00; 1,185 Good 575-600# $23.00; 200 Medium 600# $19.00 for fall delivery. Heifers, 1,080 Choice 415-615# $23.00-24.75; 125 Medium 575-700# $21.50. Mixed steers and heifers, 1,600 Choice and Fancy 400-600#, steers $25.00-27.00, heifers $23.00-25.00; 3,350 Good and Choice 600-650# steers $22.00-24.00, heifers $22.00; 360 Choice 375-425#, steers $27.00-28.00, heifers $25.00-26.00 for fall.

Spring lambs: California, 840 Choice and Prime 95-100# wooled $22.50-22.75, bulk $22.75; 1,380 Choice and Prime 95-100# wooled $22.00; 2,150 Choice and Prime 93-100# shorn with No. 2 and 3 pelts $21.00-21.25; 2,075 Choice 80-85# feeders with No. 2 and 3 pelts $18.00-18.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Slaughter steers and heifers moderately active, steers 25-75¢ mostly 50-75¢ lower, heifers weak to mostly 25¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Colorado, 3,350 average and high-Choice 1075-1250# $25.25-25.75, 4,100 Choice 1050-1300# $24.60-25.35; 325 high-Good with Choice end 1025-1250# $24.00-24.75; 150 Good 1050-1125# $23.00-23.50. The following cattle purchased by California buyer: 150 mostly Choice 1150-1175# steers $25.00 with 100 mostly Good 1025-1125# $23.00-24.00 delivered to nearby rail loading point; 700 mostly high-Good and Choice 1050-1100# $25.40-26.00 with another 575 Standard and Good 975-1050# $23.50, delivered f.o.b., at California packing plants. Western Nebraska, 75 mostly Choice 1050-1225# steers $25.00-25.25 to California buyer carrying a 25¢ freight benefit.

Slaughter heifers: Colorado, 1,550 Choice 815-1000# $24.75-25.50, mostly $25.00-25.25; 225 high-Good and Choice 900-1000# $24.00-24.60.

Feeder cattle: Slow with demand poor. Colorado, 300 Choice 775# steers $23.50, load Choice with a Fancy end 600# steers $25.75. Western Kansas, 1,100 Choice with a Fancy end 475-515# calves and short-yearling steers $26.50-27.00; 450 Choice and Fancy 575-625# heifers $23.50-24.50.

Sheep and lambs: Slaughter lambs steady to 50¢ higher. Choice 104-118# old-crop shorn lambs with No. 2 and 3 pelts 104-118# $18.00-18.50, around 725 Choice with a Prime end $19.00 late in the week.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis area - Slaughter steers and heifers 50¢-$1.00 lower. Feeder classes moderately active, 50¢ to mostly $1.00 lower. Spring slaughter lambs fairly active, $1.00-2.00 lower; shorn old-crop slaughter lambs weak to $1.00 lower; spring feeder lambs moderately active and fully steady; old-crop feeder lambs moderately active and mostly steady.

Slaughter cattle: Steers, 13 loads mostly Choice 950-1075# $24.90-25.00; mixed Good and Choice 900-1100# $23.50-24.25; Good 900-1090# $22.00-23.50, several loads Standard $20.50-22.00. Heifers, several loads Good and Choice 709-950# $23.00-23.50, Good 691-900# $22.00-23.00; mixed Standard and Good 750-850# $21.00-21.75.

Feeders: For immediate delivery, 1,200 Choice 600-650# steers $24.30-24.40; 125 Good and Choice 600-675# steers $23.25; 45 Good and Choice 700-725# steers $22.50; 240 Good and mostly Choice 525-575# heifers $23.00-23.50, 675 Good and few Choice 425-475# heifer calves $22.00-22.50.

Slaughter lambs: 1,000 Good and mostly Choice 88-101# spring slaughter lambs $18.00-18.50; 12,500 Good and Choice 90-105# old-crop slaughter lambs with No. 1-2 pelts $14.00-15.00, large share $14.00-14.50.

Feeder lambs: 7,500 Good 65-85# spring feeders $14.50-15.50, mostly $15.00; 8,000 Good and Choice 74-81# old-crop feeders with No. 1-2 pelts $11.00-11.50.

Amarillo area - Trading slow on slaughter classes, 50-75¢ lower. Activity on feeder cattle almost at a standstill, prices steady.

Slaughter steers: 70 Good, Choice end, 1140# early in week at $24.00; 300 Good, Choice end, 1050-1175# later $23.30; load Good 700# $23.00.

Feeder classes: About 600 Choice 675# yearling steers $25.00 for immediate delivery. For September delivery: 300 Choice 675# steers $24.00; 150 Choice 600# heifers $23.00.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter cattle slow, steady to weak. Only scattered sales stocker and feeder cattle. Good demand for slaughter spring lambs, prices 50¢-$1.00 higher.

Slaughter steers: Washington, Good to mostly Choice 960-1100# $26.50-27.25.

Slaughter heifers: Good and Choice 750-950# $25.00-25.50.

Feeder cattle: 700 mostly Choice steers expected 700# $24.00 for October; 100 Choice 525-700# heifers $24.00-24.50.

Slaughter spring lambs: Oregon, 1,400 Choice and Prime 85-103# $20.50-22.00; 100 Good to mostly Choice 100# old-crop with No. 1 pelts $16.50 delivered. Washington, 1,000 Choice and Prime 90-100# $21.00-21.65.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - General trade slow. Few fall contracts on feeder yearlings and calves at steady to strong prices. Montana, 100 high-Choice with an end of Fancy yearling steers for fall to delivery, around 750-800# $24.00; 100 high-Choice and Fancy two-year-old steers for fall delivery $22.00 to weigh 1000-1050#; 125 Good 700# mixed yearlings for fall delivery, steers $22.00, heifers $20.00.

Feeder calves: 400 Choice and Fancy 350-375# for fall, steers $30.00, heifers $28.00.

Sheep: Price trend poorly tested. Montana, 900 mostly Choice 103-105# old-crop slaughter lambs with No. 1 pelts $16.00. Total of 2,300 Choice feeders for fall delivery $15.00-15.50.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle May 26 1962	Cattle May 27 1961	Calves May 26 1962	Calves May 27 1961	Hogs May 26 1962	Hogs May 27 1961	Sheep and lambs May 26 1962	Sheep and lambs May 27 1961
Chicago	30,451	37,630	74	117	34,108	41,781	1,251	3,109
Denver	7,876	9,357	36	43	4,930	5,200	4,813	8,503
Fort Worth	8,441	11,917	1,668	1,419	2,032	2,405	42,540	38,214
Indianapolis ..	6,283	6,389	526	482	26,382	25,379	867	660
Kansas City ...	18,407	15,407	965	399	19,516	16,893	7,144	9,738
Oklahoma City .	11,998	8,956	1,124	368	4,294	3,969	4,586	3,864
Omaha	35,773	34,973	334	136	51,860	42,857	10,807	12,758
St. Joseph	14,271	15,554	276	448	27,152	26,315	7,032	7,855
St. Louis NSY .	13,735	13,456	1,372	1,419	54,486	49,559	4,266	2,954
Sioux City	27,667	23,597	1,067	1,018	47,279	40,615	8,814	7,349
Sioux Falls ...	8,534	7,147	27	28	15,831	12,837	3,147	3,018
So. St. Paul ..	20,115	21,242	3,901	4,733	42,294	40,481	5,115	8,596
Total	203,551	205,625	11,370	10,610	330,164	308,291	100,382	106,618
" May 19, 1962	219,916		10,160		334,552		112,577	

		May 26, 1962	May 19, 1962	May 27, 1961
INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -	Hogs	317,000	298,000	316,000*
	Sheep	10,400	11,300	17,200*
INTERIOR ILLINOIS -	Hogs	94,300	93,400	89,900

*Revised.

FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended May 24 1962	Week ended May 17 1962	Week ended May 25 1961	Month Apr. 1962	Month Apr. 1961	Four months Jan.-Apr. 1962	Four months Jan.-Apr. 1961
Steers - 1001# up	347	457	539	2,178	2,306	7,762	12,513
901-1000	1,548	1,250	1,600	8,299	7,674	31,228	33,829
801-900	3,776	2,498	2,458	12,685	12,139	51,546	53,662
701-800	4,580	3,588	5,116	18,132	17,158	54,338	64,189
501-700	10,102	7,242	8,622	56,463	47,524	158,280	184,294
Total steers 10 markets....	20,353	15,035	18,335	97,757	86,801	303,154	348,487
Av. wt. " " "	717#	725#	721#	702#	704#	714#	712#
Av. cost* " " "	$23.62	$24.14	$22.06	$24.87	$24.05	$24.08	$24.19
" " " Chicago	23.64	23.78	22.30	24.55	23.09	23.39	23.15
" " " Kansas City...	22.90	24.38	22.53	25.11	24.38	24.14	24.24
" " " Omaha	23.94	23.68	22.23	25.06	24.03	24.38	24.18
" " " S. St. Paul...	21.72	22.74	20.87	22.73	21.80	21.72	21.86
" " " Sioux City....	25.46	25.52	23.21	26.33	25.33	25.42	25.73
" " " Denver	22.76	22.90	22.64	24.59	24.17	24.14	24.99
" " " Ft. Worth	23.07	23.94	21.10	23.80	23.18	23.44	23.36
" " " Oklahoma City.	22.85	23.53	21.24	24.02	23.05	23.76	23.32
" " " S. St. Joseph.	24.21	23.94	23.14	24.65	24.72	24.10	24.10
" " " St. Louis NSY.	23.49	24.24	21.57	23.94	22.87	23.34	22.96
Total calves - 10 markets..	7,606	6,103	6,551	33,758	27,960	149,085	162,609
" heifers " "	4,099	3,887	2,130	18,151	12,861	51,765	50,401
" cows " "	466	563	510	2,230	2,255	9,824	11,503

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chicago	Kansas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S.St. Paul	Indianapolis	Denver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wichita	San Antonio
Feeders													
May 25, 1962	2	45	10	9	9	27	10	6	5	75	74	32	65
May 18, 1962	3	41	11	7	8	21	8	5	5	75	76	43	60
May 26, 1961	1	30	9	14	12	21	5	8	6	60	64	40	55
Slaughter cows													
May 25, 1962	4	11	8	7	12	6	20	8	20	15	11	21	15
May 18, 1962	4	10	8	6	9	5	20	8	17	10	8	16	20
May 26, 1961	3	7	9	5	10	5	20	11	20	20	8	16	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	May 24 1962	May 25 1961	May 24 1962	May 25 1961	May 24 1962	May 25 1961	May 24 1962	May 25 1961
				CHICAGO				
Prime.....	1,776	2,793	7.0	9.1	1,250	1,266	27.42	24.29
Choice.....	16,598	18,214	65.7	59.1	1,179	1,206	25.43	22.62
Good.....	5,878	8,014	23.3	26.0	1,084	1,112	23.88	21.37
Standard.....	753	1,506	3.0	4.9	1,057	1,039	21.13	19.40
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	250	297	1.0	.9	960	1,011	19.46	18.37
All grades.....	25,255	30,824			1,156	1,177	25.08	22.30
				OMAHA				
Prime.....	--	27	--	.2	--	1,252	--	22.53
Choice.....	7,489	8,333	41.1	43.9	1,154	1,177	24.36	21.83
Good.....	9,226	8,884	50.6	46.8	1,083	1,113	23.17	20.78
Standard.....	1,184	1,484	6.5	7.8	1,100	1,130	20.32	18.28
Utility.....	320	240	1.8	1.3	1,026	1,026	18.88	17.44
All grades.....	18,219	18,968			1,112	1,141	23.43	21.03
				SIOUX CITY				
Prime.....	89	--	.6	--	1,280	--	26.12	--
Choice.....	6,329	6,215	46.0	48.2	1,162	1,184	24.36	21.90
Good.....	6,589	4,807	47.9	37.3	1,087	1,151	23.25	20.92
Standard.....	608	1,865	4.4	14.5	1,086	1,112	19.92	18.78
Utility.....	154	--	1.1	--	1,012	--	18.92	--
All grades.....	13,769	12,887			1,122	1,161	23.62	21.10
				KANSAS CITY				
Prime.....	--	33	--	.5	--	1,248	--	22.65
Choice.....	1,898	3,610	35.1	55.1	1,120	1,149	24.93	22.41
Good.....	3,012	2,148	55.7	32.8	1,033	1,072	23.49	21.39
Standard.....	447	747	8.3	11.4	1,044	1,041	19.77	18.85
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	47	13	.9	.2	1,037	1,031	18.54	17.01
All grades.....	5,404	6,551			1,065	1,112	23.68	21.70
				ST. LOUIS NSY				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	1,441	463	23.5	6.7	1,065	1,049	25.07	22.81
Good.....	3,923	4,998	63.9	72.8	1,019	1,036	23.64	21.59
Standard.....	605	995	9.9	14.5	986	968	21.13	19.80
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	165	412	2.7	6.0	951	917	19.14	18.37
All grades.....	6,134	6,868			1,025	1,020	23.64	21.25
				S. ST. JOSEPH				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,632	3,104	44.3	37.0	1,142	1,164	24.53	22.57
Good.....	4,114	4,436	50.1	52.9	1,065	1,103	23.37	21.36
Standard.....	460	845	5.6	10.1	1,064	1,109	19.86	18.70
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	8,206	8,385			1,099	1,126	23.71	21.56
				DENVER				
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,327	3,020	80.2	77.1	1,152	1,177	25.07	21.90
Good.....	750	761	18.1	19.4	1,125	1,127	23.11	20.64
Standard.....	70	119	1.7	3.1	1,051	1,042	19.48	18.49
Utility.....	--	15	--	.4	--	912	--	17.44
All grades.....	4,147	3,915			1,145	1,162	24.63	21.56

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle May 26 1962	Cattle May 27 1961	Calves May 26 1962	Calves May 27 1961	Hogs May 26 1962	Hogs May 27 1961	Sheep and lambs May 26 1962	Sheep and lambs May 27 1961
Boston, New York City Area	12,455	10,981	9,745	9,738	33,773	38,294	30,074	33,177
Baltimore, Philadelphia	8,092	7,934	1,450	1,319	29,227	26,634	3,906	3,551
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	20,324	18,904	3,905	3,855	123,394	101,164	10,904	11,822
Chicago Area	17,184	15,804	6,042	4,071	50,563	39,134	9,290	6,911
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	24,285	29,199	9,145	12,897	75,122	94,018	9,234	13,835
St. Louis Area	11,372	10,952	1,288	1,763	72,603	66,665	4,777	5,091
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	27,603	25,178	--	--	96,436	91,074	8,495	9,142
Omaha Area	39,276	38,409	80	56	86,433	74,748	12,948	15,427
Kansas City	14,829	15,102	--	--	36,082	34,396	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	33,837	34,909	7,730	6,562	269,545	258,468	26,611	33,074
Lou'l, Evan'l.Nash'l. Mph's ...	6,067	5,985	2,650	2,942	51,395	49,637	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	10,113	9,755	3,342	4,291	22,994	26,037	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	20,250	20,303	1,352	750	47,587	42,975	8,568	12,897
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	11,799	14,603	3,734	4,361	17,077	14,251	50,116	45,743
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	25,911	23,866	82	208	18,227	14,582	26,537	32,176
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	24,789	27,568	2,829	1,875	29,450	28,873	30,361	38,649
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	8,321	7,774	264	315	17,255	13,221	5,575	6,769
Total	316,507	317,226	53,638	55,003	1,077,163	1,014,171	237,396	268,264
Accumulation to date	6,533,225	6,367,850	1,274,530	1,324,474	24,386,016	23,380,180	5,530,403	5,638,502

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef Number	Beef Prod.	Veal Number	Veal Prod.	Pork (excl. lard) Number	Pork (excl. lard) Prod.	Lamb and mutton Number	Lamb and mutton Prod.	Total meat prod.	Total lard prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
May 26, 1962	385	236.4	85	10.5	1,250	174.0	260	12.0	432.9	--
May 19, 1962	400	244.4	80	9.8	1,250	176.9	275	13.2	444.3	--
May 5, 1961 1/.....	374	--	89	--	1,309	--	265	--	--	42.6
May 27, 1961 1/.....	382	233.4	80	10.4	1,171	166.7	283	13.5	424.0	39.9
Percentage change from:										
May 19, 1962	-4	-3	6	7	0	-2	-5	-9	-3	--
May 27, 1961	1	1	6	1	7	4	-8	-11	2	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.) Cattle Live	Cattle Dressed	Calves Live	Calves Dressed	Hogs Live	Hogs Dressed 2/	Sheep and lambs Live	Sheep and lambs Dressed	Lard yield per 100 lb.
May 26, 1962	1050	614	220	123	240	139	95	46	--
May 19, 1962	1045	611	220	123	244	142	97	48	--
May 5, 1962	1045	606	215	120	242	140	98	48	--
May 27, 1961	1043	611	232	130	247	142	98	48	13.8

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
		May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961
Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers											
Steers -											
Prime	900-1100#	26.62	24.20	--	--	26.05	23.62	--	--	--	--
	1100-1300	27.35	24.30	--	--	26.05	23.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	900-1100	25.35	22.85	25.00	22.88	24.90	22.60	24.75	22.20	27.00	23.56
	1100-1300	25.60	22.60	24.78	22.68	24.92	22.48	24.72	22.00	26.75	22.62
Good	900-1100	23.18	21.20	22.95	21.30	22.78	20.68	22.28	20.25	25.25	22.25
Standard		21.00	19.50	20.18	19.05	20.50	18.62	--	18.50	23.00	20.00
Heifers -											
Choice	700-900#	24.35	22.32	24.50	22.92	24.90	22.52	25.00	22.38	25.75	23.00
Good	600-800	--	--	22.32	21.48	22.52	20.75	--	20.12	24.50	21.50
Standard		20.38	19.12	19.42	19.00	20.00	18.62	--	18.25	21.75	18.75
Cows -											
Commercial		16.50	16.75	15.68	17.12	16.00	17.00	--	--	16.25	15.50
Utility		16.10	16.50	14.78	16.38	15.00	16.25	15.25	16.75	16.00	14.94
Cutter		15.68	16.22	13.65	15.72	13.88	15.55	14.40	15.75	13.75	14.00
Canner		14.05	14.50	12.28	14.75	12.75	14.62	13.10	14.25	12.00	12.50
Bulls - Yrlgs. excl.											
Commercial		19.60	19.00	17.38	18.00	17.50	19.00	--	--	19.50	--
Utility		19.25	19.50	17.62	18.38	17.75	18.88	18.25	19.25	19.69	21.00
Calves - 250-500#											
Choice		--	--	23.40	23.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
Good		--	--	21.65	21.25	--	--	--	--	--	--
Standard		--	--	18.65	18.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Vealers - 150-250#											
Choice		--	29.50	28.30	27.50	27.00	28.00	--	--	30.00	28.50
Good		--	27.00	25.20	24.00	24.75	24.75	--	--	28.00	26.50
Standard		--	22.00	20.50	20.00	21.75	21.50	--	--	24.50	23.12
Feeder cattle and calves											
Steers - 500-800#											
Fancy		--	--	26.60	--	--	--	27.25	--	--	--
Choice		--	26.50	25.75	26.05	27.25	26.00	26.00	25.50	--	--
Good		--	24.00	24.00	23.60	24.50	23.50	23.50	22.75	--	--
Heifers - 500-750#											
Choice		--	--	23.50	23.90	24.88	23.50	--	23.75	--	--
Good		--	--	21.68	20.75*	22.75	19.75*	--	20.50*	--	--
Calves -											
Steer -											
Fancy 300-550#		--	--	30.00	--	31.75	--	--	--	--	--
Choice " "		--	--	28.50)	28.25	29.25)	28.75	--	29.25	--	--
Good 300-500#		--		24.75)		25.25)		--		--	
Heifer - 300-500#											
Fancy		--	--	27.00	--	28.25	--	--	--	--	--
Choice		--	--	24.68)	25.50	26.00)	26.00	--	27.50	--	--
Good		--		22.15)		23.50)		--		--	

*Medium and Good.

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior Iowa and So. Minnesota		St. Louis National Stock Yards		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	16.78	17.50	--	--	16.26	17.51	14.98	16.78	16.56	17.68	15.75	16.62	15.45	16.60	16.40	17.22
200-220	16.72	17.62	15.47	16.31	16.28	17.51	16.04	17.00	16.62	17.69	15.95	16.92	15.75	16.75	16.55	17.26
220-240	16.38	17.25	15.39	16.20	16.14	17.22	16.06	17.00	16.27	17.54	15.88	16.80	15.78	16.70	16.22	16.95
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	16.12	16.92	15.16	16.07	15.90	17.04	15.45	16.38	15.80	17.10	15.35	16.22	15.28	16.25	--	16.95
220-240	15.75	16.58	15.08	15.90	15.76	16.88	15.42	16.38	15.76	16.95	15.32	16.15	15.26	16.28	--	16.62
240-270	15.15	16.08	14.73	15.38	15.23	16.38	15.08	16.10	15.48	16.32	14.98	15.95	14.98	16.08	15.25	16.08
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
200-220	16.30	17.23	15.24	16.17	16.04	17.16	15.68	16.62	16.21	17.39	15.48	16.42	15.49	16.50	15.95	17.10
220-240	16.00	16.85	15.17	15.99	15.86	16.94	15.68	16.58	16.11	17.18	15.42	16.31	15.49	16.50	15.68	16.80
240-270	15.34	16.28	14.80	15.47	15.33	16.52	15.28	16.18	15.74	16.58	15.18	16.08	15.12	16.12	15.28	16.28
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	--	--	13.50	14.62	14.02	15.02	13.98	14.88	14.34	15.20	13.92	14.88	14.02	14.98	13.85	14.50
330-400	13.72	14.62	12.88	14.12	13.78	14.75	13.55	14.50	13.88	14.70	13.52	14.50	13.70	14.72	13.35	14.25
U.S.2-3 400-550	13.10	13.92	11.92	13.31	13.08	14.12	12.98	14.02	13.44	14.15	13.08	14.05	13.18	14.18	12.68	13.60

Classification	South St. Paul		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North Portland	
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	15.85	17.08	15.75	16.48	--	--	16.38	17.80	15.67	16.33	15.75	16.75	17.60	18.34	18.06	18.25
200-220	16.08	17.08	15.86	16.89	15.80	16.88	16.46	17.79	15.79	16.38	15.75	16.75	17.64	18.44	18.19	18.25
220-240	16.00	17.08	15.84	16.86	15.80	16.88	16.20	17.56	15.89	16.25	15.75	16.75	--	--	18.12	18.25
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	15.70	16.50	15.40	16.41	15.35	16.50	16.28	17.64	--	16.17	15.32	16.10	--	--	17.50	17.66
220-240	15.40	16.35	15.40	16.41	15.35	16.48	16.00	17.45	--	16.08	15.32	16.10	--	--	17.44	17.62
240-270	15.02	16.02	14.98	16.00	14.82	15.90	15.48	17.12	14.96	15.59	14.82	15.50	--	--	16.75	17.19
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
200-220	15.72	16.50	15.63	16.58	15.61	16.62	16.30	17.64	15.11	16.06	15.38	16.22	17.50	18.12	--	--
220-240	15.52	16.38	15.63	16.56	15.56	16.62	16.02	17.44	15.36	16.03	15.38	16.22	--	17.91	--	--
240-270	15.00	16.08	15.18	16.20	15.02	16.00	--	17.12	14.94	15.69	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sows - U.S.1, 2 & 3																
270-330	14.02	15.08	13.85	15.12	--	--	14.38	14.95	13.21	14.46	12.38	13.32	--	15.46	15.50	15.84
330-400	13.65	14.65	13.38	14.42	13.48	14.40	14.05	14.45	13.28	14.47	11.88	13.08	--	15.04	14.50	15.16
U.S.2-3 400-550	12.85	13.98	12.90	13.70	12.68	13.72	13.48	13.82	13.31	14.47	11.38	12.70	--	14.00	13.00	13.50

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

	Week ended	Chicago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indian-apolis	Eight mkts. com-bined
AVERAGE COST -				Dollars per 100 pounds						
Barrows and gilts	May 26, 1962	15.68	15.66	15.17	15.25	15.14	15.19	15.31	15.89	15.41
	May 19, 1962	15.96	15.83	15.41	15.60	15.54	15.47	15.49	16.28	15.69
	May 27, 1961	16.58	16.78	16.14	16.17	16.01	16.04	16.06	16.92	16.35
Sows	May 26, 1962	13.18	13.28	13.36	13.17	13.04	13.23	13.26	13.37	13.21
	May 19, 1962	13.43	13.44	13.51	13.41	13.41	13.45	13.43	13.61	13.45
	May 27, 1961	13.94	14.21	14.22	14.16	14.04	14.16	14.10	14.10	14.10
AVERAGE WEIGHT -				Pounds						
Barrows and gilts	May 26, 1962	238	224	236	239	240	238	237	229	235
	May 19, 1962	238	225	239	241	241	236	238	230	236
	May 27, 1961	238	222	237	242	246	238	244	232	237
Sows	May 26, 1962	447	420	425	414	402	412	399	457	417
	May 19, 1962	429	415	428	428	424	424	407	458	424
	May 27, 1961	450	428	436	414	428	416	398	462	423
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	May 26, 1962	27902	48676	17273	42622	40389	24160	28777	21828	251627
	May 19, 1962	26780	50601	20466	44400	37681	26880	26436	23845	257089
	May 27, 1961	35104	43468	15021	34981	34809	23444	26400	21222	234449
Sows	May 26, 1962	3093	3369	1277	6113	5094	1858	6343	2698	29845
	May 19, 1962	2247	3602	1422	5493	4172	1983	5339	2635	26893
	May 27, 1961	3295	3126	1129	5920	4997	2020	6660	2317	29464
SOWS -				Percentage of total						
	May 26, 1962	10	6	7	13	11	7	18	11	11
	May 19, 1962	8	7	6	11	10	7	17	10	9
	May 27, 1961	9	7	7	14	13	8	20	10	11

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products 1/	Hog prices 2/	Gross spread or margin 3/
May 26, 1962	$17.34	$16.30	$1.04
May 19, 1962	17.70	16.52	1.18
May 27, 1961	18.51	17.23	1.28

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts 1/ Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn 2/ No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
May 26, 1962	15.68	116.4	13.5
May 19, 1962	15.96	115.7	13.8
May 27, 1961	16.58	113.4	14.6

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Portland
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) 75-105#								
Prime	May 26, 1962	23.25	21.58	22.12	--	22.95	21.75	21.88
	May 27, 1961	19.75	18.15	18.00	--	18.68	--	16.53
Choice	May 26, 1962	22.75	20.72	21.35	18.95	21.40	20.88	21.62
	May 27, 1961	19.00	17.62	17.52	16.95	17.12	--	16.34
Good	May 26, 1962	--	19.12	20.18	17.25	19.05	--	20.75
	May 27, 1961	18.00	--	16.40	16.25	--	--	15.50
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Shorn) 80-110#								
Prime	May 26, 1962	--	18.65	--	--	--	--	16.25
	May 27, 1961	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	May 26, 1962	18.25	17.58	--	14.75	--	--	15.75
	May 27, 1961	15.62	14.22	15.38	12.50	14.75	--	12.00
Good	May 26, 1962	17.25	--	--	13.00	--	--	15.25
	May 27, 1961	14.50	12.85	14.50	11.50	13.62	--	10.00
EWES: (Shorn) 90-150#								
Good	May 26, 1962	4.50	4.88	5.50	4.75	6.68	--	3.00
Good & Ch.	May 27, 1961	5.00	5.00	3.20	--	5.52	--	4.50
Utility	May 26, 1962	5.00	4.88	5.00	4.25	5.62	--	3.75
Cull & Util.	May 27, 1961	4.60	4.10	2.85	4.50	3.98	--	3.12
Cull	May 26, 1962	4.50	3.75	4.00	3.62	4.00	--	2.50
FEEDER LAMBS: (Spring) 60-75#								
Fancy	May 26, 1962	--	--	--	--	18.64	--	--
Choice	May 26, 1962	--	--	--	14.60	17.62	--	16.25
Good & Ch.	May 27, 1961	--	14.00	--	10.25	--	--	13.50
Good	May 26, 1962	--	--	--	11.45	--	--	--

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
April 1962 - with comparisons
(Thousand head)

Region	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
N. Atlantic States	114	105	123	106	477	452	152	167
S. Atlantic States	49	47	31	34	328	324	1/	1/
N. C. States - Eastern ..	243	230	110	113	1,343	1,092	89	82
N. C. States - N.Western.	490	483	47	46	2,163	1,945	296	349
N. C. States - S.Western.	151	158	7	9	545	469	79	80
S. Central States	145	158	43	49	490	509	158	169
Mountain States	142	124	1	1	105	86	198	179
Pacific States	188	196	19	19	220	173	201	221
Total	1,522	1,502	383	378	5,672	5,049	1,173	1,247

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): April 1962, horses 2,928 ; goats 6,393 ; April 1961, horses 2,883; goats 6,723.
1/ Not available for publication.
Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer carcass prices were 50¢-$1.00 lower at Washington and Baltimore and downturns of $1.00-2.00 were made at New York and Philadelphia. Cow beef sold weak to 50¢ lower; veal steady to weak at New York, but $1.00-2.00 lower at the other market centers. Lamb prices were weak to $2.00 lower, mostly $1.00 off; however the trend was steady to $1.00 higher at Philadelphia. Pork loins sold $1.00-3.00 lower; Boston butts $1.00 off; fresh skinned hams $1.00-2.00 lower; spareribs strong to $2.00 higher.

Kosher steer forequarters closed $1.00-2.00 lower, while veal and calf held steady. Kosher lamb prices were steady to weak.

Supplies of steer beef were normal, while other classes of fresh meats were moderate to near normal. Trading was only moderately active at the various markets along the Eastern Seaboard. Steer loins, ribs and veal carcasses found the most dependable outlet. Demand was fair for pork but at the close demand was quite broad for loins in New York. Clearance was fair for most meats, however, small lots of steer and lamb carcasses were carried at New York along with beef chucks and rounds at Washington.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef sold 50¢-$1.50 lower, veal steady to $1.00 lower, lamb $1.00 higher, pork loins 8-16# $1.00-1.50 lower, Boston butts 4-8# steady, spareribs 3# down fully $2.00 higher.

Normal offerings were on hand in the beef and fresh pork divisions, while the veal and lamb supply was only moderate. Beef fell largely into the top Good and Choice grades. Lamb consisted mainly of 45-65# carcasses. The volume of spring lamb continues to increase.

Carcass beef trade was slow on each session. Beef loins and equal fabricated cuts moved freely into all channels with prices working higher. Other primal cuts were mostly slow particularly chucks, however, demand developed for rounds by Wednesday and early downturns were partially recovered. Veal was only moderately active but the market went unchanged except an increased volume of Good carcasses showed some weakness. Carcass lamb slow to moderately active, with the best action early in the week. Lamb loins and ribs were readily absorbed but end cuts, particularly legs, were very slow. Demand was fair for spareribs. Pork loins and butts were generally slow until late in the week when activity improved.

PACIFIC COAST - Inshipment of considerable quantities of beef from Colorado and the midwest had a depressing effect at West Coast centers. Steer beef sold slowly at weak to $1.00 lower prices and heifer steady to 50¢ lower. Cow beef moved at a fairly active pace, steady to weak except in Southern California, where the trend was firm to 50¢ higher. Calf and veal sold mostly steady except in the Los Angeles area where firm to $2.00 higher prices prevailed. Spring lamb sold firm to $2.00 higher. Pork was steady to $1.00 lower in California, loins $1.00-2.00 lower in Southern area. Fresh pork and sliced bacon sold steady to $1.00 higher in Portland-Seattle areas, other cured pork there steady to $1.00 lower.

Supplies of spring lamb, calf, veal, cow and heifer beef were moderate and steer beef above normal.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Demand was poor and trading slow on steer and heifer beef all week. Supplies were fully normal. Prices declined sharply to reach the lowest levels since last November at some shipping points. Part of the early decline was erased in late sales on both classes. Choice steer beef sold 75¢-$1.50 lower. Good steer was steady to $1.50 lower, mostly steady to $1.00 lower. Heifer beef sold steady to $1.25 lower, largely 50¢-$1.00 off. Cow beef was uneven and steady to 50¢ lower, some $1.25 lower at Philadelphia and $1.00 higher at Denver. Clearance was generally good on heifer and cow beef but incomplete on steer beef.

Demand narrowed for the normal supplies of lamb this week and trading was slow and uneven. Prices were steady to $1.00 lower at Omaha and eastern centers but $2.00-2.50 lower at Denver. Spring lamb sold steady to $3.00 lower, mostly $1.00-2.00 lower. Clearance was only fair.

Demand was only moderate for fully normal supplies of pork products. Pork loins sold $2.00-2.50 lower at Omaha but steady to 50¢ higher at Chicago where prices showed the full decline late the previous week. Pork butts sold 50¢-$1.00 higher and fresh hams were 50¢-$1.50 lower. Pork carcasses sold steady to $1.00 lower at New York and Philadelphia. Clearance was generally complete on pork products.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961	May 26 1962	May 27 1961
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	45.65	42.70	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	43.55	40.45	42.12	37.25	43.75	39.00	43.28	37.94
	700-800	42.80	38.95	41.62	36.38	43.25	36.88	42.25	36.69
Good	500-600	40.95	37.95	40.88	36.12	43.50	39.00	42.19	37.44
	600-700	41.20	37.95	40.62	36.12	42.75	37.50	41.00	36.88
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	41.62	37.38	43.50	38.12	43.19	37.94
	600-700	--	--	41.62	37.38	43.25	--	42.19	37.00
Good	500-600	--	--	40.12	35.69	42.00	--	--	37.06
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	59.50	59.00	55.00	58.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	51.00	49.00	50.00	51.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	48.00	45.50	46.50	48.00	55.00	50.00	--	--
Spring lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	46.50	41.30	43.50*	37.50*	43.25	37.00	44.25	38.00
Choice	45-55	46.50	41.30	43.50*	37.50*	43.25	37.00	44.25	38.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	41.30	44.80	38.75	41.25	45.50	46.25	42.50	42.75
Butts	4-8	33.40	36.00	29.25	33.00	38.00	39.25	34.00	37.50
Spareribs	3# down	42.55	42.50	40.00	39.38	46.75	45.50	44.00	43.00
Hams, smk. skd. -									
Cook before eating	12-16#	43.50	45.00	--	44.50	50.38	45.50	47.50	42.62
Fully cooked	10-14#	45.00	46.25	49.00	48.75	--	--	--	--
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		49.50	49.00	50.00	52.75	52.50	54.50	50.38	52.12
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating)	4-8#	29.50	34.50	32.75	34.00	32.00	34.75	33.50	34.00
Lard, 1# carton		13.50	16.00	14.25	14.75	17.50	18.00	16.25	17.25

* Old-crop lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED MAY 25, 1962

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	39.50-40.00	38.25-39.50	39.00-39.50	41.00-42.00	41.50-42.00
	700-800	39.00-39.50	37.75-39.50	38.50-39.00	40.25-42.00	41.00-41.50
	800-900	38.50-39.00	36.75-38.00	37.75-38.00	40.00-42.00	40.50-41.00
Good	500-600	37.50-39.00	--	--	38.00-40.50	--
	600-700	37.50-39.00	35.00-38.00	37.25-38.50	38.00-40.50	39.00-41.00
	700-800	37.50-39.00	35.00-38.00	35.25-37.75	38.00-40.50	38.50-40.50
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	39.50-39.75	39.00-40.00	38.75-39.00	--	40.50-41.50
	600-700	39.50-39.75	39.00-39.50	38.75-39.00	--	40.50-41.00
Good	500-600	37.50-38.50	--	37.50-38.00	--	--
	600-700	37.50-38.50	--	37.50-38.00	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		29.00-29.50	28.00-29.00	28.25-28.50	--	31.00-31.25
Canner and Cutter		28.25-29.50	--	28.50-28.75	--	29.75-30.50
Lamb - Old crop						
Prime	35-45#	41.00-42.00	42.00-43.25*	--	--	46.50-48.00*
	45-55	39.00-40.00	42.00-43.25*	--	41.00-42.00	45.00-46.00*
	55-65	37.00-38.00	--	--	39.00-40.00	43.00-43.50*
Choice	35-45	41.00-42.00	42.00-43.25*	--	--	46.50-48.00*
	45-55	39.00-40.00	42.00-43.25*	39.25-39.50	41.00-42.00	45.00-46.00*
	55-65	37.00-38.00	--	37.25-37.50	39.00-40.00	43.00-43.50*
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	36.00-36.50	--	35.25-36.00	--	38.00-38.50

* Spring lamb.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Supplies of greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market was limited to approximately six cars at steady to firm prices. Activity in woolen wools slowed but prices held steady. Noils were rather slow at unchanged levels. Range sales in the territory States continued at strong prices.

Midweek cables from Brisbane, Australia showed a good selection of topmaking merino wools with quotations very firm. At the Melbourne sale the market was active with Japan and the Continent dominating the trade. General competition prevailed in New Zealand at firm prices. Trade in South America was very dull and prices showed a weakening tendency on coarse wools from Argentina while Montevideo quotations remained unchanged.

Fleece Wools - Graded 64s good French combing and staple wool sold at an estimated clean cost of $1.22-1.24 while medium grade staple and good French combing fleeces, including baby combing, brought $1.07 clean basis on a core test. Graded low quarter-blood staple wool sold around $1.00-1.02 clean basis, delivered East. Country buyers were paying from 48¢-54¢ grease basis to the grower for medium wool. Recent Tennessee wool sales totaling 541,000# follow: Lynchburg 21,000# clear mediums 57.01¢, clear half 49.50¢, Shelbyville 48,100# clear mediums 58.43¢, clear half 48.37¢, Carthage 20,000# clear mediums 56.50¢, clear half 49.50¢, Gallatin 20,000# clear mediums 57.25¢, clear half 50.00¢, Hartsville 68,500# clear mediums 56.06¢, clear half 49.00¢, Greeneville 12,000# clear mediums 57.65¢, clear half 48.50¢, Crossville 23,500# clear mediums 58.54¢, clear half 48.50¢, Knoxville 34,000# clear mediums 57.35¢, clear half 48.50¢.

Territory Wools - Turnover of territory wools was smaller than recent weeks at firm prices. Graded 56/58s staple and good French combing brought $1.12 clean basis.

Wyoming - 30,000# bulk fine short to average French $1.20 clean delivered, 12,000# half and fine 47.0¢ grease basis, f.o.b. Utah - 30,000# bulk half, some fine good staple, 51¢ grease f.o.b. Washington Klickitat Pool 50,000# mixed wool sold at 54.28¢ f.o.b. Goldendale. Oregon - 47,000# valley 3/8s and 1/4 fleeces 50¢ and 3,000# lambs wool at 46¢-47¢ f.o.b.

Texas Wools - Original bag 12 months wools sold in Texas in a range of $1.28-1.35 clean basis delivered East while 8 months wools ranged $1.08-1.12. Grease prices for fine 12 months wools ranged from 46½¢-55¢ while mixed grades in original bags brought 40¢-45¢.

Mohair - Original bag adult mohair, without kid, sold in very small quantities in Texas at 61½¢-63½¢ to the warehouse. There was a little contracting of fall adult mohair at 56½¢ to the warehouse. Trade in the Boston market was very limited.

Foreign Wools - Offerings of spot foreign were small, quotations strong. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia Oil-combed				New Zealand Oil-combed			
77B-	$1.26	432 -	$1.11	86 -	$.93	107 -	$.78
78B-	1.23	433 -	1.01	93 -	.89	114 -	.76
79B-	1.17	434 -	.95	834 -	.87	128 -	.76
				100 -	.82		

South Africa

Oil-combed						Scoured Yields			
7 -	$1.16	47 -	$1.13	17 -	$1.07	28 -	$1.00
8 -	1.15	48 -	1.12	22 -	1.06	32 -	.99
12 -	1.13	52 -	1.11	23 -	1.05	33 -	.95
		53 -	1.10	27 -	1.02	37 -	.93
						38 -	.92

Montevideo Super Skirted Wool - 60/64s - $1.05-1.07, 60s - $1.03-1.05, 60/58s - 99¢ - $1.01, 58/56s - 97¢-99¢, 56/50s - 96¢-98¢, 50s - 94¢-96¢.

Carpet Wools - Trade continued dull. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clips were offered around 65¢-66¢, March at 61¢, fleeces at 72¢ and 36/40s lambs at 61¢-64¢. Greasy N. Z. carpet fleeces at 70¢, early shorn wool at 66¢ and second shear wool around 66¢. A white Pakistan wool at 76¢ and a pale yellow wool at 66¢, all clean fibers present for shipment. Approximately 5,900 bales including about 2,460 bales of Afghanistan wools were offered at Liverpool and about half were sold with prices generally unchanged.

Woolen Wools - Sales follow:

Scoured Pulled Foreign

Aust. 58/60s ave. 2½" fair color for shipment $1.08-1.09

Scoured Shorn Foreign

Aust. 60/62s fleeces $1.25

Noils

Ch. Aust.	70s nobles	95¢
Clear N. Z.	50s X-bred nobles	72¢
Clear Cape	70s schlums.	69¢
Clear Aust.	64s schlums.	65¢
Monte	62/64s schlums.	56¢

Wool Tops - There was interest and occasional sales of domestic fine and quarter-blood tops but new business was rather slow.

Warp Aust. D/C				Warp Dom.D/C			
70s -	$1.98	60s -	$1.73	70s -	$1.93	60s-	$1.67
64s -	1.87	58/60s	1.63N	64s -	1.82	58/60s -	
62s -	1.80			62s -	1.75		$1.57

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - May 24, 1962 (Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

May wool tops	-	$1.662B
July wool tops	-	1.650B
October wool tops	-	1.627B

64s grade - 2.55" minimum length

May wool	-	$1.286
July wool	-	1.270
October wool	-	1.249

64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION 1/

	Number (000 omitted)				Percent			
	Apr. 1962	Mar. 1962	Jan.-Apr. 1962	Apr. 1961	Apr. 1962	Mar. 1962	Jan.-Apr. 1962	Apr. 1961
Cattle:								
Steers	924	991	3,784	856	60.7	60.1	58.9	57.0
Heifers	307	346	1,346	339	20.2	21.0	21.0	22.6
Cows	274	297	1,228	285	18.0	18.0	19.1	19.0
Bulls and stags	17	15	61	21	1.1	.9	1.0	1.4
Total 2/	1,522	1,649	6,419	1,501	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners and Cutters 3/	119	132	563	144	7.8	8.0	8.8	9.6
Hogs:								
Sows	363	342	1,399	328	6.4	5.5	6.0	6.5
Barrows and gilts	5,269	5,852	21,791	4,695	92.9	94.0	93.5	93.0
Stags and boars	40	31	116	25	.7	.5	.5	.5
Total 2/	5,672	6,225	23,306	5,048	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep and lambs:								
Lambs and yearlings	1,127	1,192	4,817	1,205	96.1	97.2	97.3	96.6
Sheep	46	34	134	42	3.9	2.8	2.7	3.4
Total 2/	1,173	1,226	4,951	1,247	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Based on reports from packers. 2/ Totals based on rounded numbers.
3/ Included in cattle classification.

CLASSIFICATION OF BARROW AND GILT SLAUGHTER
AS REPORTED BY COOPERATING PACKERS

Month	Hogs slaughtered under Federal inspection	Barrows and Gilts reported separately			
		Firms reporting	Head	Barrows	Gilts
	Number	Number	Number	Percent	Percent
Apr. 1962	5,672,000	28	1,135,000	51.50	48.50
Mar. 1962	6,225,000	27	1,163,000	52.49	47.51
Apr. 1961	5,049,000	27	1,085,000	51.78	48.22

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, BY CLASSES, OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Region	Steers		Heifers		Cows		Bulls and stags		Canners and Cutters, all classes	
	April		April		April		April		April	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
N. Atlantic States	69.9	75.0	2.2	1.5	27.1	22.4	.8	1.1	10.0	9.3
S. Atlantic States	63.3	55.9	5.2	7.2	29.6	34.7	1.9	2.2	14.8	20.5
N. C. States-Eastern	54.6	57.2	15.1	14.9	28.4	25.8	1.9	2.1	11.5	13.3
N. C. States-N. Western	60.7	56.7	23.8	27.4	14.6	14.7	.9	1.2	6.1	6.1
N. C. States-S. Western	70.4	65.3	17.0	19.4	12.1	14.7	.5	.6	5.2	6.7
S. Central States	47.0	37.2	16.2	15.5	34.2	45.0	1.7	2.3	18.1	25.2
Mountain States	48.3	41.0	39.2	48.5	11.7	9.7	.8	.8	2.3	3.2
Pacific States	72.9	68.2	12.7	11.9	13.2	17.8	1.2	2.1	2.6	5.2

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

	April		January-April		Percentage Apr. 1962 of	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	Apr. 1961	5-yr. Apr.av.
Number slaughtered under Federal inspection: (thousands of head)						
Cattle	1,522	1,502	6,420	6,196	101	105
Calves	383	378	1,660	1,646	101	84
Hogs	5,672	5,049	23,307	21,981	112	108
Sheep & lambs	1,173	1,247	4,951	4,975	94	105
Average live weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	1,041.2	1,047.1	1,044.3	1,053.5	99	101
Calves	203.6	211.6	199.2	204.5	96	101
Hogs	241.1	240.4	239.1	237.9	100	101
Sheep & lambs	99.8	103.0	101.4	103.8	97	98
Average cost to packers: (dollars per 100 pounds)						
Cattle	22.99	21.78	22.62	22.18	106	101
Calves	25.39	24.36	24.95	24.02	104	107
Hogs	15.77	17.02	16.32	17.35	93	91
Sheep & lambs	17.22	15.71	17.04	16.61	110	88
Dressings yields: (per 100 pounds live weight)						
Cattle	58.0	58.0	57.7	57.6	--	--
Calves	56.8	55.6	56.5	56.2	--	--
Hogs 1/	76.9	76.8	76.9	76.6	--	--
Sheep & lambs	49.3	49.3	49.0	49.0	--	--
Lard per 100#	12.9	13.8	12.8	13.4	--	--
Lard per animal	31.1	33.1	30.6	31.9	--	--
Average dressed weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	603.9	607.3	602.9	607.3	--	--
Steers 2/	650.3	665.6	--	--	--	--
Heifers 2/	549.5	566.7	--	--	--	--
Cows 2/	514.4	510.9	--	--	--	--
Calves	115.6	117.6	112.5	114.9	--	--
Hogs	185.4	184.6	183.8	182.3	--	--
Sheep & lambs	49.2	50.8	49.7	50.9	--	--
Condemnations: 3/ (number of head)						
Cattle	4,539	4,691	20,029	19,016	--	--
Calves	1,742	1,463	8,767	7,754	--	--
Hogs	9,960	10,400	41,630	41,966	--	--
Sheep & lambs	5,576	6,526	18,890	21,061	--	--
Total dressed weight - Excluding condemned: (thousands of pounds)						
Beef	916,419	909,153	3,858,465	3,751,510	101	108
Veal	44,093	44,299	185,787	188,273	100	85
Pork (carcass wt.)	1,049,712	930,040	4,275,891	3,998,639	113	109
Lamb & mutton	57,436	63,033	244,954	251,982	91	103
Total 4/	2,067,660	1,946,525	8,565,098	8,190,404	106	108
Pork, excl. lard	808,127	701,266	3,297,176	3,041,908	115	112
Lard production 5/	175,990	166,682	713,021	699,870	106	99
Rendered pork fat	7,573	6,226	32,124	27,412	122	104

1/ Subtract 7.0 to obtain reported packer style average. 2/ Also included with cattle.
3/ Partly estimated. 4/ Totals based on unrounded numbers. 5/ Includes rendered pork fat.

ACTUAL FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND REVISED ESTIMATE OF MEAT PRODUCTION, BY WEEKS, APR. 1962

Week ended	Cattle			Calves			Hogs			Sheep and lambs			Total meat prod.	Lard Yield per 100#	Lard Prod.
	Number	Av. dr. wt.	Prod.	Number	Av. dr. wt.	Prod.	Number	Av. dr. wt. 1/	Prod. 1/	Number	Av. dr. wt.	Prod.			
1962	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	lb.	mil.lb.
Apr. 7	370	600	222.0	96	111	10.7	1,431	143	204.3	292	50	14.5	451.5	12.5	43.0
14	358	603	215.9	93	115	10.7	1,348	143	192.5	305	49	15.0	434.1	13.1	42.3
21	353	600	211.8	88	117	10.3	1,318	142	186.9	269	49	13.1	422.1	13.1	41.6
28	368	606	223.0	87	117	10.2	1,295	143	184.9	255	49	12.4	430.5	13.0	41.1

1/ Excludes lard.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED
UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Product	Week ended - April 7 1962	April 14 1962	April 21 1962	April 28 1962
	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Placed in cure -				
Beef 1/	2,962	2,884	2,685	3,110
Pork 1/	74,623	71,328	63,980	58,049
Other 1/	15	11	40	347
Smoked and / or dried -				
Beef 1/	1,010	823	844	756
Pork 1/	58,417	58,754	50,138	42,851
Cooked meat -				
Beef.	1,065	1,013	1,023	1,145
Pork.	6,535	6,955	4,864	4,577
Other	67	80	220	92
Sausage -				
Fresh finished.	5,433	5,085	5,006	4,709
To be dried or semi-dried	2,423	2,409	2,251	2,363
Franks, wieners	13,447	12,747	13,166	13,196
Other, smoked or cooked .	13,397	13,066	13,351	13,239
Loaf, head cheese, chili, jellied products.	4,001	3,837	4,097	3,893
Steaks, chops, roasts . . .	10,966	13,438	12,054	12,537
Meat extract.	1	76	14	69
Sliced bacon 1/	19,673	19,473	20,065	19,468
Sliced, other 1/ 2/	6,339	6,662	7,007	6,774
Hamburger	4,974	4,751	4,696	4,890
Miscellaneous meat product.	6,007	6,452	5,813	5,869
Lard, rendered	41,138	40,438	39,737	39,415
Lard, refined	24,731	28,585	28,947	28,175
Oleo stock	1,345	1,043	1,050	1,076
Edible tallow	8,093	7,504	7,498	8,083
Rendered pork fat -				
Rendered	1,888	1,887	1,859	1,661
Refined	646	1,146	746	809
Compound contain'g animal fat	17,812	17,162	16,530	16,318
Oleomargarine " " "	3,756	4,241	4,929	4,363
Canned product (for civilian use and Dept. of Defense).	53,295	43,381	44,635	50,628
Total 1/	384,059	375,232	357,243	348,462

1/ This figure represents "inspection pounds" as some of the products may have been inspected and recorded more than once due to having been subjected to more than one distinct processing treatment, such as curing first, then smoking, slicing.

2/ Includes sliced dried beef, sliced sausage, loaves, etc.

Meat Inspection Div., Agricultural Research Service.

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS PREPARED AND PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - CONTINUED

Product	Week ended - 1962 April 7		April 14		April 21		April 28	
	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.	3 lb. or over	Under 3 lb.
Canned product (For civilian use only)	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#	1,000#
Luncheon meat	3,064	3,276	3,030	3,218	3,072	3,027	2,932	3,557
Canned hams	5,615	127	5,007	94	5,101	110	5,516	100
Corned beef hash	102	2,057	88	1,431	70	1,223	120	1,585
Chili con carne	164	1,534	113	2,130	183	1,848	130	1,327
Viennas	10	1,158	49	1,170	28	1,184	19	1,187
Franks, wieners in brine . .	--	51	--	77	--	73	3	52
Deviled ham.	--	166	--	179	--	159	--	141
Other potted or deviled meat food products.	--	831	--	630	--	716	--	612
Tamales	29	429	38	291	40	420	4	351
Sliced dried beef	6	58	4	51	1	40	3	51
Chopped beef	--	77	--	89	--	221	--	209
Meat stew (all products) . .	159	1,887	58	1,553	73	1,740	7	2,860
Spaghetti meat products . .	86	1,540	68	2,099	43	973	46	1,295
Tongue (other than pickled).	2	19	7	24	7	25	5	20
Vinegar pickled products . .	196	298	175	327	185	299	189	301
Bulk sausage	--	94	--	138	1	151	--	303
Hamburger, rstd. or corned beef, meat & gravy	135	2,104	139	1,672	127	1,677	77	2,069
Soups	429	15,792	196	9,124	231	10,715	413	14,617
Sausage in oil	118	93	93	51	64	68	99	90
Tripe	--	87	--	123	--	55	--	36
Brains	--	46	--	45	--	59	--	70
Canned loins and picnics . .	929	25	1,119	42	1,187	35	1,177	151
All other with meat and/or meat byproducts -								
20% or more	183	2,153	247	1,860	196	1,765	85	2,410
Less than 20%	287	5,132	139	5,429	166	5,657	129	5,573
Total	11,514	39,035	10,569	31,848	10,777	32,241	10,953	38,969

Note: See footnote at bottom of page 421.

SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP
APRIL 1962

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves shipped into 8 selected North Central States during April 1962 totaled 421 thousand head, 13 percent more than the number shipped in during April last year. Of the total cattle and calves received in these 8 States during the month, 168 thousand moved through public stockyards--17 percent above April 1961. Direct receipts of cattle and calves during April 1962 amounted to 253 thousand head, or 11 percent more than a year earlier. The direct movement in April was 60 percent of the total, compared with 61 percent a year earlier. Cattle and calves shipped into these States during January-April 1962 totaled 1,401 thousand head, 10 percent less than the January-April 1961 total.

April shipments of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs into these 8 North Central States amounted to 100 thousand head, compared with 157 thousand head during April 1961--a decrease of 36 percent. Of the total received during April, 34 thousand came through public stockyards--30 percent below April 1961. The April 1962 number received direct totaled 66 thousand head, 39 percent below a year earlier. During January-April 1962, 562 thousand head of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs were shipped into these States, 3 percent less than the January-April 1961 total.

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in Selected North Central States
April 1961 and 1962 with Comparisons 1/

Cattle and Calves

State	Public Stock yards		Direct		Total			
	April		April		April		Jan.-April	
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
Ohio.....	4,685	5,590	2,683	5,176	7,368	10,766	24,986	35,787
Indiana.....	6,767	5,771	14,389	16,535	21,156	22,306	73,823	61,611
Illinois....	18,547	22,412	41,756	58,443	60,303	80,855	250,051	235,792
Michigan....	2,209	2,341	2,433	2,895	4,642	5,236	15,484	18,731
Minnesota...	11,230	10,022	19,935	20,989	31,165	31,011	164,057	140,208
Iowa.....	68,285	77,761	72,892	85,965	141,177	163,726	602,376	543,792
South Dakota	8,043	11,311	13,268	9,771	21,311	21,082	77,958	67,989
Nebraska....	24,024	32,569	59,870	53,143	83,894	85,712	352,038	297,478
Total 8 States	143,790	167,777	227,226	252,917	371,016	420,694	1,560,773	1,401,388

Sheep and Lambs

State	Public Stock yards		Direct		Total			
	April		April		April		Jan.-April	
	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962
Ohio.....	474	1,715	6,829	5,188	7,303	6,903	17,712	28,928
Indiana.....	1,201	175	2,703	355	3,904	530	6,596	3,621
Illinois....	7,199	1,443	4,031	5,837	11,230	7,280	41,658	24,060
Michigan....	273	377	468	447	741	824	5,449	5,176
Minnesota...	7,226	8,516	21,465	2,596	28,691	11,112	116,365	87,119
Iowa.....	16,317	12,863	60,600	41,951	76,917	54,814	250,870	249,512
South Dakota	8,339	2,080	7,359	6,570	15,698	8,650	76,769	52,002
Nebraska....	7,361	6,828	4,811	2,826	12,172	9,654	65,509	111,772
Total 8 States	48,390	33,997	108,266	65,770	156,656	99,767	580,928	562,190

1/ Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.

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